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SUBJECT: SUDAN'S NEW SIX-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) HAS REPORTED GOS COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS, CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, MET
AUGUST 10 AND APPROVED BUDGET OF ESTIMATED \$6.5 BILLION
FOR NEW SIX-YEAR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PLAN WHICH BEGINS JUNE 1977 AND COVERS GOS FISCAL
YEARS 77/78-82/83.

2. PLAN BUDGET FIGURE IS DIVIDED INTO \$3.8
BILLION FOR PUBLIC SECTOR ACTIVITIES AND \$2.7 BILLION
FOR PRIVATE SECTOR. PUBLIC SECTOR BUDGET DIVIDED
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AS FOLLOWS: (A) AGRICULTURAL SECTOR: 30 PERCENT

(\$1.130 BILLION); (B) INDUSTRIAL SECTOR: 25 PERCENT (\$.942 BILLION); (C) TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR: 25 PERCENT (\$.942 BILLION), AND (D) SERVICES SECTOR: 20 PERCENT (\$.754 BILLION). PRIVATE SECTOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PRIMARILY PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY. AUGUST 12 SUNA REPORTED AAAID WILL CONTRIBUTE \$2.85 BILLION TO PLAN.

3. ESTIMATED ANNUAL GROWTH RATE AGREED TO FOR PLAN IS 7.5 PERCENT, WHICH IS PERHAPS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC BUT WHICH FITS WITHIN POSSIBILITIES OF ILO ESTIMATE OF SUDAN'S ABILITY TO DOUBLE ITS GROWTH RATE OF GDP IN REAL TERMS FROM 3-4 PERCENT DURING 1964-75 TO ABOUT 6-8 PERCENT IN 1985. THIS ASSUMES, HOWEVER, A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SAVINGS AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL INFLOWS FROM ABROAD AND ABILITY OF GOS TO DEAL WITH MAJOR CONSTRAINTS ON DEVELOPMENT IN ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO SUNA, COUNCIL REPORTED TO BE SATISFIED WITH RATE OF GROWTH AND PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE DURING CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

4. PLAN IS TO CONTAIN FIVE QUOTE CHAPTERS UNQUOTE, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL ECONOMY, GENERAL AIMS, GENERAL ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK, VOLUME OF INVESTMENTS, AND GENERAL STRATEGY. CONCENTRATION WILL BE ON AGRICULTURE AS BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN COFFEE AND TEA PRODUCTION. DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIALIZATION, WITH INDUSTRIAL SECTOR INTENDED TO BE A COMPLEMENTARY SECTOR FOR AGRICULTURE. PLAN ALSO AIMS AT CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATED TO TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY SOURCES, IN ADDITION TO IMPROVEMENT OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. IN FIELD OF SERVICES, PLAN AIMS AT PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN FIELDS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING AND TRAINING.

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5. COMMENT: NEW SIX-YEAR PLAN IS NOT DUE TO BE PUBLISHED UNTIL EARLY CY 1977, BUT DETAILS ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO BE AVAILABLE. PLAN UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE MUCH MORE AMBITIOUS THAN TERMINATING FIVE-YEAR PLAN, WILL BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON AAAID FINANCING, AND IS BEING DRAWN UP IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ARAB FUND OFFICIALS. MAIN CONCENTRATION OF PLAN--AGRICULTURE-- WILL BE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL DONORS

CONFERENCE BEING CALLED FOR NOVEMBER 20 IN KHARTOUM
AT WHICH SPECIFIC AGRICULTURE SECTOR GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES WILL BE DISCUSSED, TOGETHER WITH A REVIEW
OF INTERNATIONAL DONOR SUPPORT FOR THESE OBJECTIVES.
THE MAJOR ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL BILATERAL DONORS,
INCLUDING THE USG, WILL BE INVITED TO THIS CONFERENCE,
IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS ARAB
FUNDS AND BANKS, THE DIRECTORS OF INTERNATIONAL
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR
PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, INCLUDING THE FORD AND
ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATIONS. EMBASSY/AAO WILL OF
COURSE CONTINUE REPORTING ON BOTH PLAN AND CONFERENCE
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